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Dear Steve:

To your letter of June 26

I have too many other battles, I don't want to confound them, and divert energy, by a struggle that's not going to depend at all on reasoned argument. And I'm not sure I'm an ally you want: I don't see any strong case for prohibiting reproductive cloning, not so long as we tolerate births from sex while under the influence, or driven by dynastic impulse, or any other motive that does not put the child's welfare first.

But I'd be glad to consult with you or yours in a more private fashion.

It might almost be reassuring if it turned out that anyone paid much attention to a UN resolution. Will we go to war to deter clonal mass reproduction?

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